

Michael White, DVM, MS

Dr. White joined the Harris County Public Health team in 2010 as the Zoonosis Veterinarian and became the Director of the Veterinary Public Health Division (VPH) in 2013. Currently, in addition to his duties as Director, Dr. White serves as a board member on the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, a board member on the Friends of CountyPets non-profit organization (past president), and a member of the Harris County Disaster Animal Management Task Force (past chairperson).

He has over 30 years of experience in the private practice of veterinary medicine and over 13 years in the Veterinary Public Health field. Dr. White served as the Regional Zoonosis Control Veterinarian with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), formerly called the Texas Department of Health (TDH). While there, he worked with the Rapid Response Team that performed rodent surveillance activities associated with Hantavirus cases in Texas and was one of the original participants in Texas' Oral Rabies Vaccination Program.

During his career, Dr. White has served on the board of directors for the Animal Emergency Clinic of Tyler, the Animal Emergency Clinic of San Angelo, and the wildlife rehabilitation organization called "Because It's Right." He served as a member of the Animal Services Advisory Board for the City of San Angelo, the President of the Concho Valley Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) Shelter Medicine Committee, and a board member for the Harris County Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Michael White earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Biomedical Science and Veterinary Science and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University. He also earned a Master of Science degree from The University of Texas at Tyler.

When not working to protect the citizens of Harris County, Dr. White spends much of his spare time caring for sick and injured animals as an active VPH foster volunteer.